

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph on page 11, line 15, to page 12, line 6, with the following amended paragraph:

A filter 25 is provided in a lower surface of the top plate of the nozzle cap 22. This filter 25 comprises a filtration film 25a and an internal liquid holding member 25b provided in the primary side (upstream side) of the filtration film 25a. Examples of the filtration film 25a include a hydrophilic porous planar film, a membrane filter, a sintered filter and a hydrophobic porous planar film, all of which are capable of preventing passage of bacteria (including pathogenic bacteria) from a downstream side (outside) to an upstream side (inside) of the filter 25. As this filtration film 25a, like such whose average diameter of the bore is between 0.1 μ m and 0.3 μ m are preferably adopted. More preferably, as the filtration film 25a, "MILLIPORE EXPRESS® PLUS Millipore ~~Express Plus~~ membrane filter" manufactured by Millipore Co. is adopted. This filter is like such of which the diameters of pores of the primary side and the second side are different. The average diameter of pores around a surface of the second side is approximately 0.22 μ m and the diameter of pores becomes larger as it goes to the primary side. As just described, by using the filter wherein the diameter of pores around the surface of the second side is as small as just to be able to filtrate bacteria and becomes larger as it goes to the primary side as a filtration film 25a, it is able to both keep the aseptic condition of the inner layer and make filtering resistance of the filtration film smaller.